Dear Robert,

3/18/91

Thanks for the clippings. They show that Oliver Stone is forging ahead, with his forgery of history. Glad to be kept as much up to date as you can. Thanks. And yes, I finally did hear from him, indirectly, by a telephone call from a Ms. Rosconi on his staff, in Dallas. She said that on that day, 3/13, they had just gotten hy letter to him of the previous month, 2/8/91. Hard to believe, as is her pleasantness and professed gratitude for (so critical) the letter. She asked if she/he could call me the next day, last Thursday, I said sure, and by Monday Thursday hasn't arrived.

To respond to your question, when did I begin to have doubts about Garrison, I first have to confess bad judgment, perhaps prompted more by hope than reason. I had most of Oswald in New Orleans written before I first went to New Orleans. All I wrote after that was the optimistic epilogue which turned out to be so very wrong. It sure was a Shadow!!! but not of a Happy Ending!!!

As best I can now recall, initially I was aware of what I regarded as excesses but I attributed them to his fighting fire with fire. I assumed he had the case against Shaw he claimed to have had and all the time I was there, many times, I never had any interest in Shaw or in his case. I spent the time I had trying to learn more about Oswald. To a lesser degree about the Cubans in general and the Commission witnesses in particular. And to following leads I developed that the government ignored. With some success.

Early on I had agreed to be what Garrison called his "Dealey Plaza Expert." It was not until the Sunday before then began to empanel the Shaw jury that I learned from two of the assistant DAs what their alleged case was. This included Oswald as part of the conspiracy. At the end of that conference I told those two they would love, they deserved to lose, and that if they persisted on that line I'd be on the midday plane the coming Thursday. I was. I was never in the courtroom, never laid eyes on Shaw and I think Garrison never forgave me.

I don't know whether Shaw was Bertrand. From what Dean Andrews told me he was but then who knew when Andrews was talking stright through all that jive talk. The Commission had no interest in finding out and the FBI stered away when it got close to an answer.

I do not believe that Ferrie was one of the plotters. In writing about him, other than when I cited records, I believe I reported what was in the papers. I've also learned more about him and the CAP. He was not in it when Oswald was, so briefly. Ferrie was the investigator for the Marcello defense in the deportation case but although there are other rumors of a connection I have never found any substantiation for them. I do not believe that the mafia had any connection with the assassination, never did and see no basis for any reasonable ~~xxxxx~~ suspicion of its involvement.

Thanks and best wishes,

Harold